

The French Broad Hustler

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HIGH TAXES THE TERROR

"One petitioner" in his article last week seems to think the cause of high taxes in the county of Henderson is due to the fact that we have no legalized liquor traffic in the county. In his speeches during the political campaign last summer he charged this to the republican party. Why this change of sentiment just at this time? Why not, if true, hold the republicans responsible? This is a clever dodge. "If it were possible to improve the morals of the town and at the same time lessen the burden of taxes one-half, would you be in favor of doing it, or would the cry of 'blood money' make you 'stand pat' for the loose tiger?" Our friend starts this question with doubt in his own mind. "If it were possible" etc. He knows as well as I, or any one else, that it is not sible to bring permanent good out of permanent evil, it only adds fuel to the flame. The word "if" implies doubt. When our friend finds logic enough to produce good morals by engaging in, or winking at, any form of the liquor traffic then we will yield the point. That miserable "blind tiger" seems to be a great source of annoyance to him, yet he does not seem to realize the fact that "blind tigers" are more numerous in dispensary towns and bar-room towns than in dry towns. They are more easily detected in dry towns. If caught drunk in wet towns, though on "blind tiger" liquor, the responsibility is placed on the bar-room or dispensary and the tiger ways has innocent (?) tail and proceeds to increase his capacity for dealing more largely than ever. Our friend cannot truthfully deny this fact. If he does I can give him all the evidence he needs from liquor towns.

Our friend seems to think there is no harm in "blood money." "Blood money" may buy you an elegant home and furnish it with all modern conveniences and as an individual you may never realize that it is "blood money." The lawyer and other court officers or attendants are the only one that receive any financial benefit from the small pittance that is intended to benefit (?) the tax-payers and public schools.

If the preachers of this town were to favor dispensaries or open bar-rooms you would at once discredit their sincerity as ministers and would not wish to hear them preach, and I can clearly see where you would be right. If the cause cannot be championed by preachers would it be right for you or I to champion it? The same moral obligation that binds them binds us. One month without dispensaries or bar-rooms in Charlotte has caused a decrease in crime, compared with the same period of 1904, 56 per cent. Blind tigers have seemingly increased, but the authorities think this is because they are more easily detected, and this is readily understood. Allow that they have increased, if you please; crime has decreased more than half. Now where is your argument in favor of dispensaries? We gave you examples of two towns that have been free from dispensaries or bar-rooms for many years, and they too, have "blind tigers" to contend with, but if you want to know the sentiments of the best citizens, and a large majority of them at that, of those towns, you can secure them by very small expense, or we can furnish you with a list of names of persons who will give you the facts as they are.

We are satisfied that you are not much of a dispensaryite yourself for no argument that you have advanced will bear the crucial test.

The way to stop any evil in our

midst is to nip it in the bud, and we think our officers are competent to take this matter in hand. They are here to look after law-breakers and they have enough to do now in that line without establishing an institution that must necessarily add to the list.

Your contention seems to be that a dispensary would do away with the "blind tiger." The experience of all dispensary towns is direct to the country. The tigers are more numerous and harder to catch.

If we ever expect to do anything for fallen humanity now is our time. A step backward is hard to overcome. Let us not put a stumbling block in the way of our brother. High taxes are, or may be, hard to bear, but our responsibilities are still heavier and we should not needlessly increase them.

Bowman's Bluff.

Editor Hustler:—We notice the question of a dispensary for Hendersonville is being very much agitated just now, and if it is not out of place for one in the country to take sides in the question, the writers shall ask space for a few words on the subject. It may appear to some that one living (as the writer does) entirely out of town should remain altogether neutral. But however he wishes to speak a word in opposition to such an institution because he believes the country people will reap as many of the evil results as the town. When a dispensary is established in Hendersonville, whiskey will be placed in reach of every drunkard in the country. The drunkard will go to town only to return intoxicated to abuse his loved ones. While, were it not for the dispensary, many of them would be unable to get the intoxicating beverage. Furthermore the town has the benefit of police protection while the country has not this advantage.

Then another consideration is the boys of both the town and country, many of the boys who would not think of going to the blind tiger, and who would be actually disgusted with the open saloon, would be enticed by the vice appearance of the dispensary, and would be tempted to take the first glass. But they say minors could not buy from the dispensary. Very well, but those boys could find some one who was of age who would do their buying for them. In our opinion Hendersonville will make a sad mistake when she gives her sanction to any form of the liquor traffic. Nothing elevating can ever come from the liquor industry. It is true that some money will be brought into the treasury, but the character of one boy is worth more than all the money in existence. The heartaches of one mother over a drunken son counterbalances the money received from a thousand dispensaries.

Mr. Editor, your course is the right one. Press onward, and though you may be defeated in this contest your cause will finally triumph. And though you may not live to see that time, yet you will die with the consciousness of having done your duty.

(A prohibito st.)

Decided to go Herself.

Wife—My dear, I need a little more of this stuff, and some trimming to match. I wish you would drop into Biggs, Sale & Co's and get it.

Husband (a smart fellow)—Let me see. Oh, I know. That's the shop where they have so many pretty girls, isn't it?

Wife Y-e-s.

Husband—Yes, I remember. That blonde girl at the trimming counter knows your tastes and will doubtless select just the sort of trimming you want I mean the girl with the golden hair, alabaster skin, blue eyes and sweet little.

Wife—There are a number of things I want down town. Never mind, dear, I'll go down and get them myself. London Tit-Bits.

PAY AS YOU GO.

Postmasters Must Not Pay Expenses of Delegates

Washington, Jan. 31.—The president and cabinet today approved the action of Postmaster General Wynne in notifying John G. Capers, Republican national committeeman for South Carolina, that postmasters in that state will be dismissed from the service if in the future they pay the expenses of delegates to political conventions.

In principle the declaration of Mr. Wynne will apply to all other states where such methods are practiced.

The decision of the postmaster general grew out of a complaint made to the post office department that it is a custom for postmasters in South Carolina to pay expenses of delegates to political conventions.

It was alleged that they paid the expenses of certain delegates to the last Republican state convention, and had requested other postmasters to contribute to the fund. An investigation was ordered by the department, the work of the inspectors develop-

ing the facts of the complaint. It was the determination of the postmaster general to order the dismissal of the postmasters, but on a showing made by Captain Capers it was decided merely to notify the officials through him that the practice if continued would result in their dismissal.

CORRESPONDENCE OF INTEREST

Attorney For Schafer Brothers And Governor Glenn Exchange Compliments

Raleigh, N. C. Feb. 4, 1905. The attorneys for Schafer Brothers, holders of \$242,000 of North Carolina bonds, have made a formal communication to Governor R. B. Glenn and he yesterday gave his reply. Schafer Brothers donated to South Dakota the ten bonds upon which that state brought suit against North Carolina and recovered judgment.

The attorneys for Messrs. Schafer, Mr. A. G. Ricard of New York and Mr. F. H. Busbee, in their communication to the governor recite that they have now offered to compromise these bonds with the state for \$1,250 per bond, that is \$302,500. In his reply Governor Glenn says that if the Schafers submit a formal proposition he will convey it to the legislature together with his recommendation. The governor adds that "In 1879 the state made your clients a fair offer of compromise which was not accepted. Since then the state has no proposition to make."

The Governors reply.

February 1st, 1905. Messrs. A. G. Ricard and F. H. Busbee, Attorneys for Schafer Bros., Raleigh, N. C.

Gentlemen:—Your letter of January 30th relative to North Carolina state bonds held by your clients, Schafer & Brothers of New York, has been carefully read and considered by me. Having stated therein that you will submit "no formal proposition to the state for the settlement of these bonds," there is nothing left before me to transmit to the general assembly. If your clients desire to make in writing a formal offer, stating what they will accept in full payment of all bonds held by them against the state, this proposition, accompanied by such recommendations as I deem advisable will at once be transmitted to the legislature for their consideration. In 1879 the state made your clients a fair offer of compromise, which was not accepted. Since then the state has had no proposition to make. Unless therefore your clients desire to take some action, I consider that there is nothing before me requiring any further action on my part.

Respectfully yours,
R. B. GLENN, Governor.

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Madri Gras, New Orleans, La., Pensacola, Fla. and Mobile, Ala. March 27 1905. For this occasion tickets will be on sale March round trip; final limit March 11th. By depositing ticket and payment of fee of 50 cents, final limit may be extended to March 25th, 1905. Stop-overs will be permitted on these tickets at the regular winter tourist stop-over points.

National Association of Manufacturers, Atlanta, Ga., May 16-18, 1905. Tickets for this occasion will be sold May 14-15, 1905; final limit May 20, 1905. Final limit of these tickets may be extended by payment of fee of 50 cents to June 15, 1905.

General Assembly Southern Presbyterian Church, Fort Worth, Texas, May 18-26, 1905. Account of the above occasion tickets will be sold May 15, 16 and 17th, rate of one first-class fare, plus \$2.00 for the round trip; tickets to be limited to continuous passage in each direction. Final limit May 31st, 1905, 1905.

North Carolina Bankers Association, Winston-Salem, N. C., May 17-19, 1905. Account of this occasion tickets will be sold on the certificate-plan. Certificates to be honored on or before May 22nd.

Meeting of Shriners, at Charlotte, N. C. February 28, March 1st, 1905. Account of this occasion tickets will be sold on the certificate-plan. Certificates to be honored on or before March 4th.

Tri-State Medical Association of The Carolinas and Virginia, Greensboro, N. C., February 22-24, 1905. Account of this occasion tickets will be sold on the certificate-plan. Certificates to be honored on or before Feb. 28th, 1905.

Junior Order United American Mechanics, Goldsboro, N. C., Feb. 21-4, 1905. Account of this occasion tickets will be sold on the certificate-plan. Certificates to be honored on or before Feb. 28th, 1905.

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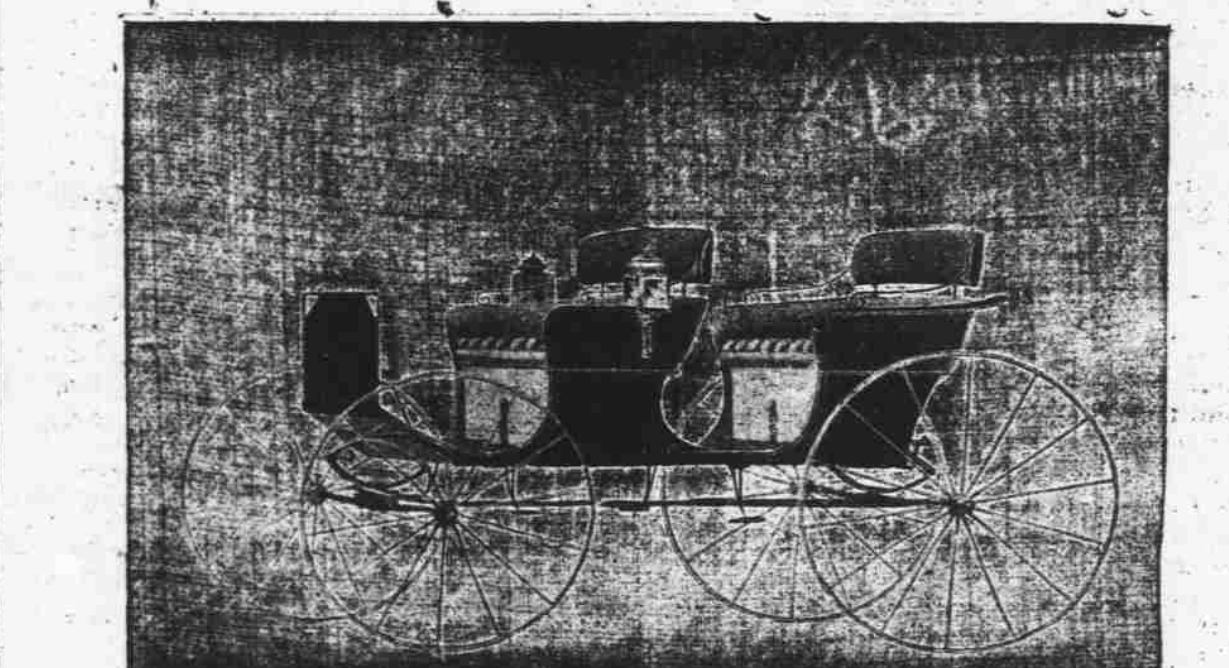
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